The Messenger **MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP**



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This is a call for volunteers:

- * We need help to Set Up, Serve and Clean up!
- We need help to spread the work & sell tickets
 - * Collect baskets for raffle



When ever there are 2 or more there's a group....

The Step Five Ball and Chain

Freedom and Peace of Mind

I don't think I've ever witnessed an alcoholic that came to alcoholics anonymous that loved themselves or that wasn't riddled with guilt and shame. It's hard to understand why alcohol affects some people differently than others. I've observed members that came from good family environments that ended up on the streets and others that came from alcohol infested families that turned out normal as can be. In either case, the alcoholic seems to have something missing in their mental state that engender the need to find a way to neutralize this negative self image and that first drink of alcohol does something that gives them the relief which makes them feel somewhat normal. I've heard it said that once a person starts to drink to cover up these feelings, especially in adolescence years, they stop growing emotionally and when they finally show up in A.A. they have the emotional state consistent with the age they were when they started drinking, absent of the coping skills of a normal person. They'll have to revisit all those under developed behavioral patterns and replace them with mature and healthy thoughts and actions. Easier said than done!

When I look around the room at an A.A. meeting we all seem to look about the same in the way we dress and in our outside appearances. The only thing that makes us different is what is going on in between our ears. If we all woke up this morning with amnesia we would all be the same. It's the tortures of past that torments us and therein lies the problem and the solution. If we can understand and accept this well established approach to our mental condition we can take actions that will restore our self esteem and we can live an incredibly happy and peaceful life.

We cannot change one moment of the past, but we can resolve the issues in our lives that brought about the need to escape from those horrible memories of the things that we regretted having done. The habits and deeds that triggered the guilt and shame that led us to seek relief in the bottle can be reigned in and if we are fortunate enough to believe this you may want to revisit the fourth and fifth steps, Identify those deeds that we drag around like a ball and chain, and keep us from actuating the rest of the program. 12x12 pg. 56 "Even A.A. Oldtimers, sober for years, often pay dearly for skimping this step." Those things will not go away but the mental and emotional pain that we drank to nullify can be arrested and we can finally put it all behind us and live a wonderful life. I know this from experience.

• When I revisited my forth and fifth step, I was stronger and talked to someone about those deeds from the past •that plagued me and realized that most people who abuse alcohol have them, to one degree or another, and if they are •willing to address them, they can be free from that Ball and Chain and my experience is that it freed me up to continue the rest of the step with pleasure. From the day I entered A.A. to the day I mustered the strength to do this, I had no comprehension of the effect it would on me, for if I did, I would have cut to the chase much sooner and avoided several years of discontent. As long as those deeds were in the past and not habits of the present, this process worked exactly as it was •intended as per the program. I hope that this encourages at least one person to find someone they trust and find the relief •that I have experienced as the result of cleaning the slate and I wish them a happy life. It worked for me.

By Rick R.



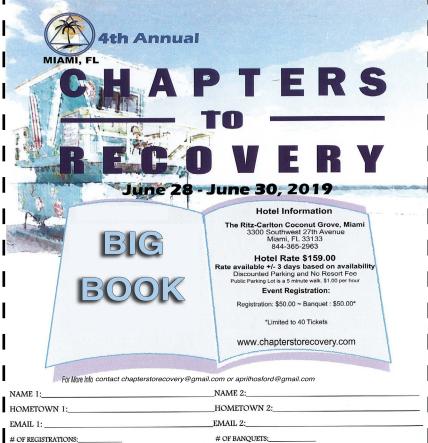
Miami-Dade Intergroup would like to welcome our new
Chairman Manuel N. from the Rush Hour Group, and also our two new Steering Committee members
Tamara K. from the Sober Way Out Group and Barry G. from the Sabal Palm Group.
Thank you for your commitment and service. Looking forward to work and support with you all the Miami-Dade Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Groups we need your help! We are looking for groups that would like to donate a basket with A.A. approved Literature for our

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Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions page 40

It is when we try to make our will conform with God's that we begin to use it rightly, To all of us this was a most wonderful revelation. Our whole trouble had been the misuse of willpower. We had tried to bombard our problems with it instead of attempting to bring it into agreement with God's intention for us.

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Big Book page 25

"We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed."

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Big Book Page page 17

The Cement: The feeling of having shared in a common peril is one element in the powerful cement which binds us. But that in itself would never have held us together as we are now joined. The tremendous fact for every one of us is that we have discovered a common solution. We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree, and upon which we can join in brotherly and harmonious action. This is the great news this book carries to those who suffer from alcoholism.

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FIFTH STEP PROVIDES RELEASE

Revealing my innermost secrets via the Fifth Step would have been terrifiying in anticipation had my sponsor, Carl, gave me time for consideration. But thank God he followed the Big Book clear-cut directions on page 74 telling to start Step Five, "at the first opportunity."



ly, about five minutes after finishing up Step Four with him. This left no time to decide which of my seemingly unforgivable past activities to keep to myself. This suddeness left no time for irrational fear to cloud my ensuing admission of the exact nature of my many glaring defects.

Left off guard, so to speak, I had only to rely on my written Fourth Step information which was right in front of me; it couldn't be ignored or changed. In Step Five, my sponsor focused the light of truth onto the unrealized driving forces of selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. Step Four had provided tools for me to 'face and be rid of' these grosser handicaps . . . but still, countless other destructive little demons, of the grosser variety, lurked in some dark dank space deep inside my subconscious mind just raring to take over, per usual. When the listed "Harms to others" and "sexual conduct" items were explosed, he had me include them on my Eighth Step as they were being discussed.

We discussed and utilized the Step Four tools to face and be rid of the repeated emotions of anger (resentments) that had been plaguing me for years (p. 67). We also prayed for God to show me what I should do in each of these specific matters (p. 69). Where previously, I had found only a temporary relief, I have now found a tool that provides a permanent release from these deadly ingredients of mental obsession.

What a blessing! Also, where I had been selfish and dishonest were discussed and brought into my immediate awareness—this allowed me freedom to act on them as they would continue to arise throughout the rest of my life. I then learned that all these tools were to be used over and again as I began living in the spirit of Step Ten; that these newly learned were to become a major ingredient in my forthcoming growth and Maintenance Steps, Ten, Eleven and Twelve. We learn tools in Steps Four through Nine—we use them in Step Ten!

In Step Three I asked God to relive me of the bondage of self, although I didn't know what that was, but then I knew! This short Step Five period with my sponsor has allowed me a permanent release—not just temporary relief—from my that obsession to get "boiled as an owl" (p. 191).

Bob S. Richmond, IN

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Código Convención: 63rd Florida State Convention Página Web: 63.FloridaStateConvention.com/pages/hotel

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primordial llevar el mensaje al
alcohólico que aún está sufriendo."

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Para el otoño de 2019, se dispondrá de información sobre la inscripción para la Convención y reservaciones en hoteles. Se proporci nará a la información necesaria en los paquetes de inscripción, que también estarán disponibles en otoño de 2019. El paquete incluirá una lista de números telefónicos a que llamar

para informarse en concreto sobre el alojamiento, el programa, etc. Se faciliará la información por

> correo postal a los grupos, oficinas y contactos de A.A. alrededor del mundo, así como por el sitio web.



FAITHFUL FIVER MEMBERS

Yes, I want to participate in the Faithful Fiver Club!

Contribution information	: Date:				
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Contributions, or Sobriety (Contributions, something w	f our local A.A. services, wheth wonderful happens in A.A. Who are about the services we as a	en a newcomer c	alls us and finds	your meeting, it is

FAITHFUL FIVER FRIENDS are fellow A.A. members who contribute \$5.00 a month to the Intergroup Office as an act of gratitude. Their generosity help us to carry the message of A.A. to the still sick and suffering alcoholics throughout the year! THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL FIVER'S....Your contributions are very much appreciated. Adam M., 5 Anonymous.

newcomer that reaches out for help. Words cannot fully express the deep gratitude about the energy that your A.A. Group devotes into

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

carrying the message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic.'

GS DISTRICT 10 Monthly Business Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the CG Congregational Ch. 3010 De Soto Blvd., CG ******

GS DISTRICT 10 Corrections Committee

4th Thursday of the month @ 8:00pm at Sabal Palm Room 10102 SW 107th Av., 33176 *********

Miami Bid for FCYPAA

2nd Sunday of the month @ 1:30pm at the Lambda Miami Dade Club 28 NE 54th St. Miami, FL 33137 *****

Archives Committee

2nd Tuesday of the month @ the Harmony Room 721 SW 24th St. # 205

Remote Communities

4th Friday of the month @ 1:00pm at St. Jude Church 126 SE 15th Rd. 2nd Floor ******

Meetings at the **CORAL ROOM**

1100 Ponce de Leon, CG 305.446.9558 ********

GS DISTRICT 10 Grapevine Committe

1st Sunday of the month @ 2:00pm

GS DISTRICT 10 PI/CPC

4th Saturday of the month @ 3:00pm

GS DISTRICT 10 Literature Committee

2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm

Treatment Committe

3rd Saturday of the Month @ 3:00pm

For more information go to www.district10miami.org

"BAL HARBOR GROUP"

Is moving soon!!

As of May 1st, 2019

Church by the Sea 1045 95th St.

Bay Harbor Island, FL 33154

Meetings: Monday-Wednesday-Friday

@ 7:00pm *****

Women's Meeting Thursdays @ 7:00pm







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If your group discontinues a meeting or changes it's schedule time, please notify Intergroup as soon as possible at (305) 461-2425

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Further endorsements, opposing views and rebuttals to articles published are also welcomed. Also, please tell us how we can improve.

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CONCEPT FIVE

"Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration."

MARCH

CORAL GABLES

Jenny 1 Camila 1 Carla 1 Ricardo 1 Oscar 7 Ron 8 Cece S. 8 Anthony 11 Olga M. 12 Karen 13 Vivian 13 Paddy 13 Justin 14 Sue 18 Roberto L. 24 JR 26 Parker 30 Sharon 35 Phil 39

SOUTH DIXIE

Roxanne 1 Leo 2 Wayne 10 Scott W. 10 Bill W. 27

PALMETTO BAY

Brett P. 1 Daniel M. 5 Liz 6 Carla 8 Donald 11

SABAL PALM

Julie F. 1 Maria D.C. 1 Marcelo G. 1 Tony M. 2 Yvette Marie 3 Dan S. 3 Andrew F. 3 Luisa W. 4 JPMC 4 Alfredo S. 8 Jose S. 10 Mel O. 11 Alvaro R. 14 Karen L. 15 Marianne P. 15 Martha G. 19 Michelle 20 Michael M. 21 Eileen McC. 25 Leah L. 25 Darlene S. 37

Corey C. 40

APRIL

SUNSET

Maggie M. 1 Andrew F. 3 Luis G. 4 Ileana F. 4 Robert E. 10 Charlotte 25 Carol A. 32

SOUTH DADE

Charles S. 6
Mary RL 6
Phil D. 6
Ashley 7
Jeremy 7
Lee 8
John G. 10
Donald B. 11
Chuck I. 13
Darryl 16
Oliver H. 26
Scott N. 28

MAY

SUNSET

Mike E. 2 Roberto F. 7 Jesus R. 9 Berni 11 Toni b. 14 Maria Z. 18

SOUTH DIXIE

Danny S. 3 Daniel M. 5 Phil D. 6 Pat G. 12 Michelle S. 27 Xavier 33

HOMESTEAD

Angel M. 1 Shareef S. 1 Jim R. 7 Steve VR. 20

SOBER WAY OUT

Lissette Y. 2
Adolfo I. 3
William A. 4
Celeste R. 4
Daniel C. 4
William A. 5
Casandra S. 5
Debbie H. 9

Loretta T. 9
Ty B. 12
Stephanie B. 13
Alma S. 24
Tamara K. 25
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Group Conscience/Business/Service Meetings

Coral Gables Group/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm

Good Morning Group/3rd Friday @11:00am

Brickell Group/3rd Thursday @ 1:05pm

Palmetto Bay/3rd Wednesday @ 6:35pm Primary Purpose/Last Wednesday @ 6:45pm Quinto Paso/1st Monday @ 7:00pm Sabal Palm/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm Sober Way Out/3rd Sunday @ 7:00pm Something Happens/1st Saturday @ 10:00am South Dade Group/3rd Wednesday @ 7:00pm

South Dixie Group/2nd Sunday @ 12:15pm Sunset Group/2nd Friday @ 7:00pm West Miami Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm

We Stopped in Time/1st Monday @ 9:35pm Young, Sober &Free/Last Sunday @ 8:05pm

Group Anniversaries

Almeria Group/Last Tuesday @ 7:30pm Coral Gables Group/Last Monday @ 8:00pm Grupo Central/Last Sunday @ 1:00pm Good Morning Group/Last Friday @ 10:00am Happy 1060 Group/Last Sunday @ 10:45am Happy Hour Group/Last Friday @ 5:30pm Homestead Group/Last Thursday @ 8:30pm Key Biscayne Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm Killian Pines Group/Last Friday @ 8:00pm Lincoln Road YP/Last Sunday @ 7:00pm Little River Group/Last Wednesday @ 8:30pm Miami Springs Group/Last Monday @ 7:30pm Miami Young People/Last Saturday @ 8:30pm North Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm Palmetto Bay Group/Last Saturday @ 5:30pm Plymouth Group/Last Wednesday @ 7:00pm Primary Purpose/Last Saturday @ 8:30pm Sabal Palm Group/Last Sunday @ 7:00pm Shamrock Group/Last Tuesday @ 8:30pm Sober Way Out/Last Friday @ 8:30pm Something Happens/Last Saturday @ 9:00am South Dade Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm South Dixie Group/Last Saturday @ 7:30pm Sunset Group/Last Friday @ 7:30pm West Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm We Stopped in Time/Last Monday Young, Sober and Free/Last Sunday

GONGRADULATIONS!

MEETINGS IN RUSSIAN

Do you know any Russian-speaking friend, who has drinking problems?
Please invite them to our new 7pm
Sunday Russian-speaking
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For more info call: (305) 461-2425 For comments / suggestions e-mail us - Editor: jamc13@bellsouth.net or aamiamidade@bellsouth.net

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Please note: When you mail in this form, feel free to add something you would like to share with the fellowship (a thought, a story, a joke or something you heard at a meeting.)

HELP US CARRY THE MESSAGE!!!

